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SUBJ PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU MAKES HIS FIRST
OFFICIAL VISIT TO WESTERN EUROPE

1. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU DEPARTS ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL
TRIP TO WESTERN EUROPE OCTOBER 19 FOR CANADIAN FORCES
BASE AT LAHR, GERMANY, AND WILL BE IN PARIS, OCTOBER 21-22;
BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 23-24; AND RETURN TO OTTAWA ON OCTOBER 26.

2. PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE TRIP IS TO FORMALIZE THE PATCHING-
UP OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND TRYING TO CONTRACT
FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.
THE CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTERS OF BELGIUM AND
LUXEMBOURG WILL BE, IN THE WORDS OF TRUDEAU'S SPECIAL
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR IVAN HEAD, A NECESSARY FORMALITY
PALE IN IMPORTANCE CONTRASTED WITH THE TALKS WITH ORTOLI AND
SOAMES AT THE EC. IN HIS BACKGROUNDER TO THE PRESS,
HEAD ALSO SAID TRUDEAU WOULD MAKE "A BRIEF CALL"
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AT NATO HEADQUARTERS.

3. PRESUMABLY, DE GAULLE'S "VIVE LE QUEBEC LIBRE"
FROM A MONTREAL BALCONY WILL NOW BE ERASED BY A
GISCARD BOW TO "CANADA." HOWEVER, THE REPORT THAT
FRANCE BLOCKED A MORE RESPONSIVE EC STATEMENT ON THE
CANADIAN OVERTURE MAY TEMPER SOMEWHAT THE AMBIANCE AT
THE TWO MEETINGS TRUDEAU IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE WITH
GISCARD AND THE TWO MEETINGS WITH PRIMIN CHIRAC,

4. MRS TRUDEAU IS ACCOMPANYING HER HUSBAND ON THE
TRIP.
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